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WANGAL COUNTRY



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CLOUSTON Associates acknowledges that the study area for this project, stands on Aboriginal lands, **Wangal Country**, lands that were never ceded.

We pay our respects to their Elders - past, present and future and acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia.



# START WITH COUNTRY



The Wangal people hold a deep connection to the land and landscape of the City of Canada Bay. The bushlands and foreshore areas are their lands, their home, and a place they took care of for thousands of years.

Traditionally, the Wangal people centred their lives around the harbour and its foreshore. The Parramatta River served as a vital location for traditional food gathering, while the Wangal people engaged in hunting, plant harvesting, and the collection of raw materials within the local area.

For the Wangal people, and all Aboriginal people from the Sydney basin, the river is a sacred place and colonisation resulted in the dispossession of their land and their displacement.

Through this Master plan, the City of Canada Bay seeks to maintain the beauty and vibrancy of the Queen Elizabeth Park and Goddard Park while acknowledging and honouring the enduring connection of the Wangal people, both now and in the future.

# INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

## THE PROJECT BACKGROUND

The City of Canada Bay Council has recognised the necessity of developing a detailed Master Plan for both Queen Elizabeth Park and Goddard Park, and indeed Council has formally recognised its commitment to the social, cultural, environmental and economic benefits of open space as a signatory to the 2021 NSW Public Spaces Charter.

This initiative extends from the prior strategic master plan established for the Concord Parklands Corridor (CPC) project, which is defined as Precinct 3.

The aim is to ensure the two parks are adequately equipped to tackle future challenges such as population expansion, the impacts of climate change, biodiversity decline, and other related issues, under the overarching vision for the wider corridor.

Additionally, the objective is to provide an inviting public open space that can cater not only to the recreational needs of the immediate and future community but also to conserve, enhance and connect the natural elements to the broader networks of the Sydney Green Grid.

The project site is located 13 kilometres west of the Sydney CBD and forms part of the Concord Parklands Corridor, which traces the alignment of a former creek.

The site is strategically positioned at the heart of Concord, bounded by Parramatta River to the north, Burwood and Strathfield on the southwest, and Five Dock to the east. It is well connected to the surrounding arterial road networks and is in close proximity to existing and future public transportation stations.

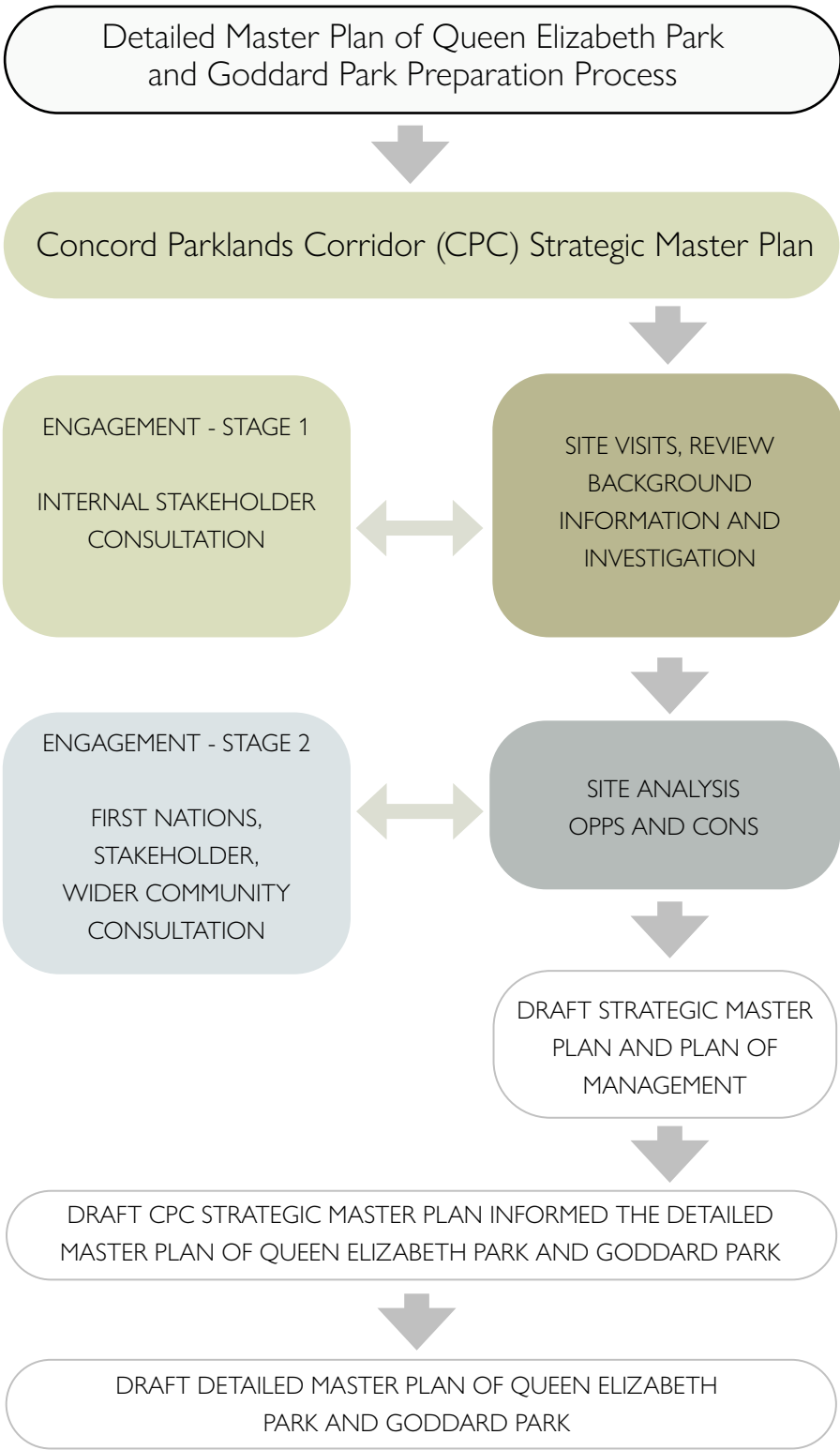
Both parks serve as local sports grounds for the community and strongly emphasise active recreational activities, potentially excluding the wider community from using the area for passive purposes.

Queen Elizabeth Park harbours various natural elements, particularly a fragmented remnant of the endangered Sydney Turpentine Ironbark Forest, making it a significant ecological resource.

The landscape and existing spaces are fragmented due to road separations, isolated bushland, and missing links in cycling and pedestrian connections. The design should therefore consider not only the connectivity between various elements and the balance of activity types but also their integration with the broader context.

## METHODOLOGY

The flow diagram outlines the process of the preparation of the draft detailed master plan of Queen Elizabeth Park and Goddard Park:



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

A meaningful Stakeholder and community engagement process was undertaken as an important aspect developing the Strategic Master Plan of Concord Parklands Corridor, by:

- offering the stakeholders and community the opportunity to actively participate in the decision-making process;
- aiding Council and designers in identifying their needs and creating a meaningful spatial outcome for all stakeholders and the wider community.

The engagement for this plan has been undertaken through various techniques and formats (refer to below documents for the Community Engagement outcome and design responses):

- Community Stakeholder Engagement Report Prepared by Flagship Communications Pty Ltd dated August 2023
- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study for Concord Parklands Corridor Master Plan and Plan of Management by GML Heritage dated July 2023
- Draft Strategic Master Plan and PoM report of Concord Parklands Corridor by CLOUSTON Associates dated October 2023

## STRATEGIC REVIEW

The proposed design aligns with the strategic planning vision and guidelines set out by the State, Regional, and local governments, following by a in-depth review of a suite of government planning documents.

## CONTEXTUAL AND SITE ANALYSIS

A comprehensive contextual and site analysis was undertaken as part of the CPC Strategic Master Plan process (please refer to Draft Strategic Master Plan and PoM report of Concord Parklands Corridor by CLOUSTON Associates dated October 2023 for further details).

# DETAILED MASTER PLAN

## Key design intent

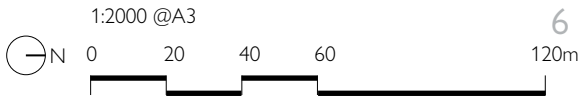
- Conserve and enhance existing STIF.
- Extend interlocking canopy coverage to mitigate Urban Heat Island Effect and increase user comfort levels.
- Expand the native planting to enhance biodiversity and celebrate Indigenous vegetation.
- Weave the Wangal People's culture and story into landscape through walking trails, native planting and interpretation.
- Propose a regional cycle route to tie in to the overall CCBC's bike plan.
- Upgrade facilities for active and passive recreations to optimise the parks' recreational capacity and diversity.

## LEGEND

- Extent of work
- Existing trees to be retained
- Existing trees to be removed
- Existing fields
- Turf

## PROPOSED WORKS

- Proposed new amenities building
- Existing playground to be upgraded into teenager play space
- Existing STIF vegetation to be retained and protected. Refer to "Remnant Turpentine Woodland Rehabilitation Management Plan"
- STIF ground storey regeneration area
- 1.5 - 2.5m wide accessible pedestrian connection
- 3.5m wide raised regional cycleway with FRP mini mesh
- Native planting mix (Groundcover and shrubs)
- Seating
- Water bubbler
- Bin locations
- Lighting (intelligent illumination) along footpaths
- Crossing point that prioritises safety
- Picnic shelter



# VEGETATION PLAN

## Key design intent

- Integrate with the overall Sydney Green Grid.
- Connect the gaps within existing tree canopy coverage to enhance ecological connectivity, and biodiversity.
- Provide shaded footpaths to improve pedestrian comfort.
- Create greener and safer local streets.
- Promote active transportation (Walking and cycling).
- Mitigate Urban Heat Island effect.
- Increase biodiversity.
- Optimise views to and within the parks.

## LEGEND

-  Extent of work
-  Existing STIF vegetation to be retained and protected. Refer to "Remnant Turpentine Woodland Rehabilitation Management Plan"
-  Proposed STIF ground storey regeneration area
-  "Places to Roam" understorey planting by CCBC
-  Low native planting (Groundcover)
-  Native planting mix (Groundcover and shrubs)
-  Ornamental planting to the park entrances
-  Native grass/reed bed





# DETAILED MASTER PLAN

## Key design intent

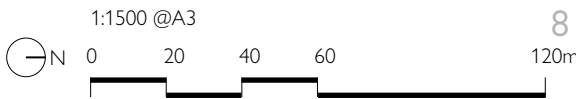
- Conserve and enhance the existing STIF.
- Integrate the amenities building more effectively with the existing field and surrounding context.
- Ensure amenities and public toilets are accessible, especially from the existing playground.
- Provide accessible parking spaces to support the building's functions.
- Allow vehicle access to the building for drop-offs and deliveries.
- Upgrade facilities for both active and passive recreations to optimise capacity.
- Increase natural shading around the building and open spaces.
- Ensure that the new design minimally impacts the existing forest.
- Improve public safety through lighting and natural surveillance.

## LEGEND

- Extent of work
- Existing trees to be retained
- Existing trees to be removed
- Existing fields - natural turf
- Turf

## PROPOSED WORKS

- Native tree
- Park feature tree
- New amenities building and public toilets
- STIF ground storey regeneration area
- 1.5 - 2.5m wide accessible pedestrian connection
- Native planting mix (Groundcover and shrubs)
- Seating
- Water bubbler
- Bin locations
- Lighting (intelligent illumination) along footpaths
- Crossing point that prioritises pedestrian safety



# PRECEDENT IMAGES

The photos below illustrate the potential look and feel of the future Queen Elizabeth Park and Goddard Park.



Social gathering under shade



Active recreation



Inclusive open spaces



Passive recreational spaces under interlocking tree canopy



Playgrounds to offer diverse play experience



Recreational opportunities for different genders



Native grass planting as soft edge along pathways



Lighting to increase visibility at night



Informal kickabout and training space



Playground with nature theme

# PRECEDENT IMAGES



Opportunities for immersion in an urban forest



Learn to ride opportunities



Educational opportunities for the community to explore the remnant forest



Multi-generational fitness station to cater for different age groups



Opportunities for the community to participate in the maintenance of the Turpentine forest



Interlocking tree canopy surrounds sporting fields



Passive recreational space with meadows and natural shade



Shaded open space for pop-up events